

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR NOTIFICATION ON AN ELECTRONIC HANDHELD
DEVICE USING AN ATTENTION MANAGER

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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A method and system for notification in a palm-sized computer system. Specifically, in one embodiment of the present invention, an Attention Manager manages application demand for a user's attention. The Attention Manager receives multiple attention requests from varying applications. With each new attention request received that indicates a record needs a user's attention, the Attention Manager stores the request in memory and determines if there are other outstanding attention requests that have not been cleared. Depending on the number of outstanding requests, the Attention Manager sends a request for record information in list or detail format. If there are multiple outstanding attention requests, the Attention Manager displays a notification dialog in a list format. If there is only one outstanding attention request, the Attention Manager displays the notification dialog in detail format. Additionally, a simple user interface to navigate to the application and record entry requiring attention is provided.

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